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The documents marked with an asterisk (*) were cited in the international search report for international application No. PCT/GB98/00855.

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- * (AA) U.S. Patent No. 4,526,823 issued on July 2, 1985
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REMARKS

U.S. Patent No. 4,528,235 (AB) and European Patent Application No. 0 494 594
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